

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Motohiro TAKEDA et al. Confirmation No: 8009
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Attorney Docket No.: 65,361-002

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The above identified patent application was filed 24 months ago. The failure by the Patent Office to take action within this time frame may result in an adjustment of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) and 37 CFR 1.702 – 1.705. We note that the last communication received from the Patent Office was the NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION dated January 18, 2007. Applicant hereby requests that the Patent Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the application.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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